



2026 Zero Harm Clinical Awards

The Certified Zero Harm Clinical Awards, the cornerstone of our Zero Harm program, recognize hospitals that prevent all hospital-acquired infections of a specific nature over extended periods of time. Thanks to initial funding from The Duke Endowment, a collaboration with The Joint Commission Center for Transforming Health, and ongoing support from BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, SC hospitals have continually united on statewide efforts to create a culture of high reliability and reduce harm in our facilities by implementing robust, evidence-based practices that are making a positive impact on patients and the safety and quality of care. The data for these awards is independently certified by DPH in a unique third-party verification process using NHSN data. Awards can be earned by having zero harm in the clinical area for the 12-month period starting January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025. The award application portal will be open from Wednesday, August 12 to Friday, September 11. The eight categories for this year are:

PRESSURE INJURIES

CENTRAL LINE-ASSOCIATED BLOODSTREAM INFECTIONS (CLABSI)

HOSPITAL ONSET METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS (MRSA)

HOSPITAL ONSET CLOSTRIDIODES DIFFICILE (C.DIFF)

SURGICAL SITE INFECTION (SSI) HIP REPLACEMENT

SSI COLON SURGERY

SSI ABDOMINAL HYSTERECTOMY

SSI KNEE REPLACEMENT

For more information about specific award criteria, please visit <https://www.zeroharmsc.org>



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